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SETTING UP OF SCIENCE CITIES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently decided to set up `Science Cities` across the country with the cooperation of State Governments and private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the number of such cities that have been set up or are proposed to be set up alongwith the total funds earmarked and spent during the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c): The Government of India facilitates the setting up of Science Cities on receiving proposals from agencies including the State Governments, on the basis of certain stipulated norms. The following Science Cities are presently under construction:

1. The Pushpa Gujral Science City, Jallandhar, Punjab

2. The Gujarat Science City, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

3. The Regional Science City, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (by upgrading the existing Science Centre).

Further, the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) is developing the following Science Museums/Centres:

1. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Dimapur, Nagaland

2. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Imphal, Manipur

3. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

4. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya

5. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Gangtok, Sikkim
6. Maharaja Ranjit Singh Panorama, Amritsar, Punjab

7 Kalpana Chawla Planetarium, Kurukshetra, Haryana

8. Panorama at Haldighati, Rajasthan

During the current financial year, out of a total sum of Rs. 1311.00 lakhs earmarked for setting up of the Science Cities and Science Museums/ Centres, so far, the following amounts have been released:

1. Pushpa Gujral Science City, Jallandhar - Rs.300.00 lakhs

2. Gujarat Science City, Ahmedabad - Rs.200.00 lakhs

3. Kalpana Chawla Planetarium, Kurukshetra - Rs.200.00 lakhs

4. Panorama at Haldighati - Rs.100.00 lakhs